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THE INDIAN TROUBLE IN WYOMING.

While the Washington authorities apparently regard with indifference the Indian trouble in Wyoming, Governor Richards of that state insists that it is a very serious matter, which calls for prompt and decisive action. He says that unless the federal authorities act promptly he intends to make a state matter of it and call the militia into service to arrest the Indians who are committing depredations in violation of the laws of Wyoming. It would seem that the Washington authorities should pay more attention to the representations of the governor than they have done thus far, because it must fairly be presumed that his only motive in the matter is to maintain the peace and prevent bloodshed. He has the most possible means and opportunities for ascertaining the real condition of affairs and his statements can safely be accepted at Washington as of such authority as to justify action on the part of the government. In view of these considerations the apparent carelessness of the federal authorities appears inexplicable and inexcusable. It may be true, as stated in a Washington dispatch, that there is a class of men in the country where the disturbance exists who make a practice of systematically exaggerating all Indian troubles, with a view of securing United States troops on the scene, but there is not the slightest reason to believe that the governor of Wyoming is now in collusion with such men or that he has relied upon their representations for the statements he has made. It is all right for the federal authorities to proceed in a matter of this kind with proper care, but it is also incumbent upon them to give due consideration and weight to representations having the authority of the chief executive of a state and not to treat them with indifference because somebody else, at some time, has exaggerated. There is not a reasonable doubt that there exists a very threatening state of affairs in the Jackson Hole country and it obviously presents a case for the application of the maxim that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

THE QUESTION OF MORE REVENUE IS OF PRESENT URGENCY AND CANNOT BE PUT OFF WITHOUT ENDANGERING THE SOLVENCY AND CREDIT OF THE GOVERNMENT.

In the last fiscal year there was an excess of expenditures over receipts of \$48,000,000. Since the beginning of the current fiscal year this deficit has been added to at the rate of nearly \$1,000,000 a day. Of course there are extraordinarily large disbursements at this time which account for this and after a while receipts and expenditures will not be so far apart. The former have recently improved somewhat, and there is reason to expect that the revenues for the current fiscal year will exceed those of last year. But it has been very conclusively demonstrated that under the present tariff law an annual deficit of certain unless the expenses for carrying on the government are materially reduced, which it is not practicable to do without impairing the efficiency of the public service. The question of providing more revenue is sure to be a troublesome one. It is apparent to everybody that it will be extremely difficult, if not impossible, for the republican house, where revenue legislation must originate, and the democratic executive to agree on any plan, to say nothing of the senate democrats. It is already obvious that the republicans will insist upon getting more revenue from the tariff rather than from increasing internal taxes. Western senators and representatives have announced their purpose to resist the imposition of a duty on wool, and doubtless the republicans generally in congress will favor this. Free wool is the corner stone of Mr. Cleveland's tariff reform structure, and if it were possible to get a measure through congress putting wool on the dutiable list the president's veto would kill it. On the other hand, no proposition coming from the administration for increasing the beer tax or imposing a duty on tea and coffee, as it has been suggested will possibly be made, will be accepted by the republican house. It is a situation that calls for concession from both sides, but it is to be apprehended that neither will be disposed to make any, and that as a consequence a further increase of the public debt will become imperative.

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It is also very indiscreet to invite comparisons in view of the fact that at least one of his appointees had to take writing lessons in a commercial college after he had been given a place in the clerk's office. Some of the republican members of the late legislature are, we are told by the railroad organ published at the capital, talking of an extra session to revise the revenue laws and to provide a sufficient revenue to meet the appropriations which they have already ordered. But why did not these legislators think of the probable deficit when they were so lavishly voting money for everybody without discrimination? Why did they not think of the wretched revenue laws when they were still in session? When a plan was presented by which Douglas county, the chief sufferer, could remedy the abuses that weigh it down and have its property valued under the direction of a single tax assessor, why did they vote the proposition down? It seems that this eagerness to improve the revenue system is an altogether new growth.

MONEY WAITING INVESTMENT

English Regaining Confidence in American Stocks and Bonds. STILL DISTRUSTFUL OF THE CURRENCY. If This Question Was Disposed of Money Would Flow This Way Freely in the Opinion of Assistant Secretary Curtis. WASHINGTON, July 21.—Assistant Secretary Curtis of the Treasury department, who went to London to deliver to the Messrs. Rothschild the foreign quota of bonds in the recent gold syndicate sales, returned to Washington today. In the course of a conversation regarding his trip, Mr. Curtis said: "The business in London was successfully completed and I am glad to return to my own country. The feeling regarding investments in United States stocks, bonds and other securities, both public and private, better than I expected. There is a very large amount of money in England awaiting investment, and I am satisfied that if the holders were assured the value of what they bought would not be reduced by legislation regarding our currency, that large amounts would flow to this side of the water and an era of great prosperity would follow in this country. I was surprised to find England enjoying an American summer. During the six weeks of my stay in London there were but two or three light showers. In fact, the continued drought had a very serious effect upon the agricultural interests of the midland and southern countries. "The political excitement attendant upon a change of government was most marked and the discussion of the tariff and the campaign for the new elections was very interesting to an outsider. A point, however, which struck me very forcibly was that the change of the government made no change in the daily business of the departments, and though I was in the treasury department, I saw no change in the new ministry taking office, there was no attendant line of office seekers, and the heads of the bureaus and clerks had no more to do than to begin their work as usual. In fact, I was told by a member of the new government that the total patronage, including the highest offices, only amounted to about 100 places, and one of the hardest portions of the conservative leader had to deal with was a fair distribution of the places among those considered entitled thereto."

PROPOSALS FOR GUNBOATS.

WASHINGTON, July 21.—An advertisement was issued from the navy department calling for proposals for building six light draft composite gunboats for the navy. The bids will be opened October 1. These boats will be of about 1,000 tons displacement, and will be built of wood below the water line, fastened to steel frames, so they may be repaired, and then gilded for protection against rotting. They are required to show twelve knots speed with a small forced draught, and while there are no premiums for increased speed, a penalty of \$10,000 is imposed upon the secretary of the navy and the contractors. The vessels must be completed within fifteen months from the date the contract, and no more than two boats can be built by the same firm. Of the six, four are to be single screw, full sailing power ships, and two are to be twin screw, full sailing power. Proposals may be submitted under the department's plans or under those of the builder. In the latter case the builder must accompany the proposals with affidavits and also electric lighting plants and auxiliary steam gear. There is evidently some doubt in the mind of the navy department as to whether the boats can be built as desired with the appropriations made for the purpose, for the bidders are asked to submit their proposals for electric lighting plants and auxiliary steam gear.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Prosperity's banners in this section are fringed with corn. Things are looking up in Colorado. Even Pike's Peak has recently grown 1.100 feet. The voice of Tom Reed has not been heard in the wilderness. Thomas is enjoying himself on the Q. T. It is evident neither of the metallic pugilists of Chicago have practiced the knockout blow on the jaw, much to the regret of the country. A correspondent of the New York Evening Post says that Sir Michael Hicks Beach was selected as chancellor of the exchequer because of his firm advocacy of the gold standard. The money has been subscribed for the proposed balloon trip of the Swedish engineer, Andree, to the north pole. The balloon will be made in Paris at a cost of \$8,000. In the Chocolate district of New York the watermelon proved a handy grower last Sunday. Cans were hidden in the poughed melons and served as a kindly oasis in the surrounding desert. Edward P. Burke saved Henry Drew, a Jersey City grocer, from drowning on Wednesday, and was rewarded with a crisp \$5 bill. The Jersey City man ought to know what his life is worth. Lightning played some fantastic tricks in Denver the other day. A frisky, inexperienced shaft struck a policeman, glanced off, and demolished a barn a few yards away. The policeman was not injured. There has just died in Rome the widow of Felix Orsini, who in 1858, tried to assassinate Napoleon III. She was in receipt of a annuity from the ex-Emperor Eugenie, which speaks volumes for the latter's kindness of heart. Ex-Treasurer Taylor of South Dakota is remarkably the capitalist of admirals at home and in Chicago. Taylor's deficit, amounting to \$350,000, places him in the Napoleonic ranks, and as Napoleonic doings are fashionable the deficit is likely to be in the swim. The police commissioners of Boston are considering the advisability of disposing of liquor licenses by auction, the city solicitor having reported that a practice would not be contrary to law. Consumers' licenses to the most responsible bidders will be the next in order. Kind friends have come to the assistance of Mrs. Kate Chase Sprague and saved her Edgewood home and furniture from the loan sharks. The amount raised was \$50,000, and the chief subscribers were John Wanamaker, William C. Whitney, Senator Bruce and Congressman Sam. Lewis Baker, formerly owner of the St. Paul Globe, and who is a kind of triple millionaire in the money market. He represents the United States government in the Central American republics of Nicaragua, Salvador and Costa Rica, has come home on his sixty-first birthday. Sarah Bernhardt says: "If I am in a crowd of people and a dog or cat is near it will come naturally to me without my making the slightest movement. I am in the swim, I cannot say, unless there is developed in me another sense, the existence of which animals at once perceive."

ANOTHER FATAL PRIZE FIGHT.

But the preparations for the Texas pugilistic contest go right along.

SOUTH DAKOTA'S DEFAULTING TREASURER.

Taylor, is enjoying himself just as much as he would if he had not given himself up.

WONDERFUL HOW THE FARMERS FORGET TO TALK ABOUT THE AWFUL RAVAGES OF THE RUSSIAN THISTLE.

So long as they are kept busy tending to their crops.

WHEN SECRETARY MORTON FINISHES REORGANIZING THE WEATHER BUREAU.

He may be expected to turn his attention to the political barometer in Nebraska.

THOSE HONEST PENITENTIARY APPRAISERS CERTAINLY SHOWED WISDOM IN DRAWING THEIR \$1,500 OUT OF THE STATE TREASURY BEFORE THE INK ON THEIR REPORT HAD BECOME DRY.

The English elections resemble our congressional elections of last year in this, the more that is heard of the returns the worse it looks for the minority party.

IF THE DEFENDER WERE ONLY A RACING CREW INSTEAD OF A YACHT IT MIGHT BE SEAT ACROSS THE ATLANTIC TO RETRIEVE SOME OF THE LOST REPUTATION OF THE CORNELL OARSMEN.

Dr. Marble is a martyr to his convictions that a good school teacher ought to have his recommendation as such, regardless of his or her political or religious creed.

A GOOD HARVEST THIS WILL RELIEVE THE RAILROADS OF EVERY VESTIGE OF EXCESS FOR THE WRETCHED TRAIN SERVICE TO WHICH THE PEOPLE OF NEBRASKA HAVE BEEN SUBMITTING FOR OVER A YEAR PAST.

The fact that the free silver democrats have called their state convention for a comparatively early date must not be taken to mean that they have any hopes of electing the candidates to be chosen.

MR. COOPER'S HIGHEST QUALIFICATION FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS HIS HEIGHT.

A man who stands head and shoulders above all other teachers in his stockings must of course be a great educator.

WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE QUALIFICATIONS OF PROF. FRANK B. COOPER FOR THE POSITION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, BUT WE KNOW AS MUCH ABOUT HIM AS DID THE SCHOOL BOARD WHEN IT PUT HIM IN DR. MARBLE'S PLACE.

The United States army has had nothing to do in the way of military operations for over a year; that is why the Indians out in Wyoming are trying to revive a little of the war spirit in the guardians of the national peace.

THERE IS SAID TO BE A REAL DEARTH OF BINDING TWINE AMONG BOTH FARMERS AND DEALERS THIS SUMMER AND THE DEMAND FOR BINDING TWINE CAN NOT BE SUPPLIED.

But that is the least of the farmers' troubles. The prospect is that the farmer will not have bins enough to store his corn.

THE OFFICE OF THE CITY COMPTROLLER SHOULD BE MADE APPOINTIVE.

A man holding that office who aspires to a second term will do nothing to offend his colleagues nor to weaken the party machine. The office has cost Omaha a great many thousands of dollars, and the sole benefits have been derived by those who drew the salaries.

WE SUPPOSE THE STATE BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION DEEMS IT UNDESIRABLE TO DO ANYTHING IN THE MATTER OF REMOVING DISCRIMINATING RATES UNTIL THE NEW SECRETARIES ASSUME THEIR DUTIES IN OCTOBER NEXT.

And when the new secretaries shall have assumed their duties the board will come to the conclusion that because the old secretaries did nothing there is nothing to be done. And nothing will be done.

THE SO-CALLED REPUBLICAN WARD MEETINGS THAT HAVE RECENTLY BEEN HELD HAVE BEEN ATTENDED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY BY OFFICEHOLDERS, WHO WANT TO HOLD THEIR JOBS, AND OFFICE SEEKERS WHO ARE FRANTICALLY SEARCHING FOR SECURE JOBS.

All these patriots are shouting for the flag, their country and their party. The rank and file of republicans, to whom principles are dearer than fleaspoes, directly shun the gang and see the only hope for the redemption of the city from boodlerism and taxating in a non-partisan movement in which all citizens who desire good government can unite.

REFUNDING INCOME TAX.

It appears probable that those persons who were precipitous in paying the income tax will have to wait for action by congress in order to get their money back, although every dollar paid into the treasury ought to have been refunded as soon as the law was pronounced unconstitutional by the supreme court. It was recently intimated that the secretary of the treasury had decided to retain in the treasury the money received for income tax, with a view to again bringing the matter before the supreme court, which could be done if the claimants should sue for the money. Referring to the report the Philadelphia Press says such a proceeding as the secretary hints at suggests not only a contemptuous disregard by the executive branch of the government of the judicial branch, but it also indicates a purpose to use the judicial branch as a convenient instrument for justifying the Treasury department in pursuing its own course without heeding the decisions of the court. There is no way, of course, in which the judiciary can compel the repayment of this money. If a sense of good faith and common honesty does not compel the secretary of the treasury to repay money which is in the possession of the treasury without any color of law, then an adverse decision upon a new case involving the constitutionality of the income tax would not compel the Treasury department to make restitution.

IT IS, HOWEVER, THOUGHT NOT TO BE PROBABLE THAT MR. CARLISLE WILL BE ACCOMMODATED IN HIS PURPOSE TO BRING THE QUESTION BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT AGAIN.

Unless he finds some claimant who is willing to enter into a friendly agreement with him. The impression is that if the money is not repaid before the meeting of congress an attempt will be made to secure legislation compelling the refunding of this money, and undoubtedly there would be no difficulty in obtaining such legislation. It seems to be the policy of the treasury officials to put every possible barrier in the way of claimants getting what belongs to them, as shown in the course of the comptroller in regard to the sugar bounty, in which unprecedented action it appears he is upheld by the assistant attorney general. Such a policy will not make an enviable record for the present administration of the Treasury department.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN WEST DES MOINES IS TWELVE, AS AGAINST THIRTY-SEVEN IN OMAHA.

The total number of teachers employed in the schools of West Des Moines is 123, including twenty-three teachers of kindergarten schools. The total number of children in Omaha is 321. The enrollment of pupils in the West Des Moines schools for 1894 is 4,106, as against 15,896 in the city of Omaha. The actual average attendance in West Des Moines was 3,250 and in Omaha 11,941. The total teachers' pay roll for West Des Moines last year was \$78,548. The teachers' pay roll for Omaha was \$220,024.

NOW LET THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WHO HAVE REPLACED PROF. MARBLE WITH A COUNTRY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT STAND UP AND EXPLAIN THEIR ACTION IF THEY CAN.

This is not a trifling matter. It affects not merely the reputation of Omaha as an educational center, but concerns every patron of the public schools and the future of the children whose elementary instruction is entrusted to the care and supervision of the school superintendent. What was the object, too, of giving Mr. Cooper \$3,600 a year when he would have jumped at the chance of getting \$3,000 a year in Omaha? Manifestly the whole deal from beginning to end has been inspired and engineered by the schemers and plotters who hold daily and nightly council behind barred doors with a view to keeping their grip upon the city treasury.

CITY CLERK HIGLY RESENTS THE CRITICISM UPON THE FAST AND LOOSE METHODS THAT PREVAIL IN THE CITY HALL, AND PUBLICLY ASSERTS THAT HIS OFFICE HAS BEEN CONDUCTED MORE EFFICIENTLY DURING HIS INCUMBENCY THAN AT ANY TIME UNDER HIS PREDECESSORS.

That may not be saying very much. And yet it is certainly

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